

## Message Text

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R 061545Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO USDOC WASHDC  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7933  
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

UNCLAS JIDDA 2626

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BBSR, SA  
SUBJ: WORLD TRADERS DATA REPORTS

REF: USDOC 5881

1. REFTEL REQUESTED STATUS REPORT ON 61 WTDRS NOT RECEIVED BY USDOC. JIDDA SEPTTEL SPECIFIES 18 WHICH WERE COMPLETED; FIVE FOR WHICH POST HAS NO RECORD OF ORIGINAL USDOC REQUEST; AND THREE WHICH REFER TO SAME FIRM.

2. OTHER PEDNDING AS WELL AS NEWLY RECEIVED WTDR INQUIRIES WILL BE HANDELED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. IN MOST CASES, SAUDI FIRMS TO NOT RESPOND TO OUR ROUTINE LETTERS ANDWE MUST VISIT THEM PERSONALLY.

3. WE WISH ALERT COMMERCE TO PROBLEM TO OF PRIORITIES DURING NEXT TWO MONTHS, WHEN EMBASSY E/C STAFF WILL DEVOTE MOST "FREE" TIME TO PREPARATIONS FOR AND HANDLING OF FOUR TRADE MISSIONS. PROBABLE RESULT WILL BE GROWTH OF OUR LIST OF UNFINISHED WTDRS UNTIL TRADE MISSION SEASON ENDS.

4. FYI: BY OUR COUNT, WTDR WORKLOAD HAS INCREASED APACE WITH U.S. BUSINESS INTEREST IN THE KINGDOM.  
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FIRST QUARTER 1977 COMPARED WITH TWO PRECEDING YEARS  
FOLLOWS:1977, 93 RECEIVED, 52 COMPLETED; 1976, 70  
RECEIVED 44 COMPLEUD; 1975, 26 RECEIVED, 20 COMPLETED.  
END FYI.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT PLEASE NOTE THAT EMBASSY ECON/  
COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAS HAD TWO FSL VACANCISES SINCE JUNE

AND SEPTEMBER 1976 RESPECTIVELY BECAUSE LOCAL WAGE  
SCALE WAS NOT COMPETITIVE. IRONICALLY, NOW THAT WAGE  
SCALE HAS BEEN IMPROVED, THERE IS A FREEZE ON HIRING  
LOCALS. EMBASSY NEEDS EXEMPTION FROM FREEZE TO PROCEED  
WITH FILLING VACANCIES IF WE ARE TO MEET SERVICE DEMANDS.  
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